Church leaders, neighbors discuss homeless issues
Some residents want free meals stopped
By DAVE SCHWAB

The first meeting between church leaders and concerned neighbors over problems surrounding churches feeding the homeless in Pacific Beach was described by both parties as encouraging.

“We were trying to tell the churches we’ve got problems here,” said Matt Phillips, a Pacific Beach resident who started an online petition drive to encourage churches to stop feeding the homeless. Phillips believes such “handouts,” in his view, are counterproductive, enabling the homeless to continue being dissolute without encouraging them to change.

Phillips said he’s decided to continue his change.org petition drive, which netted 400 supporters for ending PB church feeds in a matter of weeks.

“The best way to ensure churches change their policies is to continue the petition and increase signatures,” said Phillips. “The petition is an open

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

A young woman dressed up as ‘La Calavera Catrina,’ a Mexican character also known as ‘the Dapper Skeleton,’ at the Dia de los Muertos parade in Mexico City on Oct. 28.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

The annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) will be celebrated in Old Town on Nov. 2 and will conclude with the traditional candlelight procession at 6 p.m., starting at San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street. The procession will travel down San Diego Avenue to El Campo Santo Cemetery.

Restaurants, museums and shops have created more than 50 traditional and contemporary Dia de los Muertos altars. A public altar is located in El Campo cemetery where visitors are encouraged to add their own mementos, photos and written tributes to loved ones.

For Dia de los Muertos, Mexican families create special altars displaying offerings of food, candles, incense, ocre yellow marigolds and photos of departed loved ones as a celebration to remember and honor those who have died.

Citywide hepatitis A data released
Pacific, Mission beaches have 16 reported cases
By DAVE SCHWAB

Since November 2016, when a countywide hepatitis A outbreak was first detected, 507 people have been infected, 20 have died, and more than 80,000 others have been vaccinated, San Diego County Health Department authorities confirmed.

There were 16 cases reported in the Pacific and Mission Beach communities, 11 in Ocean Beach and Point Loma, and three in La Jolla.

Hepatitis A is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis A virus, which is highly contagious. It can cause liver disease, lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting months, and in some cases, it can be fatal.

Contamination can occur when persons infected with hepatitis A do not wash their hands properly after going to the bathroom, then touch other objects or food items.

Hepatitis A virus does not always cause symptoms. Some with the
Pacific Beach Town Council hears about solutions from city’s new homeless ‘czar’

By DAVE SCHWAB

Gordon Walker, one of San Diego’s new homeless “czars” crafting policies toward the downtrodden, was on the receiving end of some community angst surrounding the complex social issue during an Oct. 18 question and answer session at Pacific Beach Town Council.

Gordon, Utah’s former state director of housing and community development, has been credited for being part of a successful decade-long effort to curb chronic homelessness in Utah. Recently retired, Walker has been tapped by the city to be CEO of its Regional Task Force on the Homeless.

Holding his own at the PBTC meeting, while defending his staunch “housing first” stance on homelessness, Gordon was asked if he supported a recent petition drive aimed at curbing chronic homelessness in Utah. Recently unretired, Gordon had two other major points to make about homelessness during his presentation. One is that it costs more ultimately to provide help to people than to house them. The other is that there is property out there available to be used for new homeless housing.

“[Housing] doesn’t have to be fancy,” Gordon said. “[The city/county] in the process of converting some 11 identified properties into buildable properties. It’s very exciting.”

Gordon’s response at the meeting invited a response from local activists concerned about worsening homelessness blighting the beach community.

“Everyone needs to understand that many of the neighbors feel powerless with what places of worship are doing (homeless feeds),” said PB activist Marcella Teran. “I have met with the different churches and have felt like they have not understood what was going on with the overflow of drug addicts, people hanging out in somebody else’s front yards leaving needles, etc.”

Recent past Pacific Beach Planning Group chair Brian Curry agreed.

“Four or five houses of worship that feed the homeless have some residents very concerned,” said Curry, adding, “I think everyone’s heart is in the right place. It’s a question of helping versus just serving (food). It’s a volatile issue. I’m wondering whether feelings should be companioned with some type of (social) service, or any other type of criteria, in residential areas.”

Gordon noted one of the distinguishing characteristics of homelessness is that victims “have significant trust issues with society.” Speaking from experience, he offered an anecdote.

“People were asked if they wanted help three, four, six times and declined. I know where one individual was asked 768 times before they accepted housing. This is long-term relationship building with each of these individuals. Most of them want to be housed. Many of them have forgotten how to be housed.”

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The incubation period for hepatitis A virus can be 15 to 50 days. Wooten said there was a spike in hepatitis A cases starting this March, which prompted her to declare a local public health emergency. And, because infections are most common among the homeless who often have no access to sanitary facilities, the county’s efforts began turning toward installing hand-washing stations and doing street cleaning in early summer. One theory advanced to explain the present hepatitis outbreak is that California’s discontinuation of single-use plastic bags has helped spread the disease. Many people have discounted the plastic-bag theory, but not Wooten.

“Absolutely, we know people use the bags for [defecation],” she said. “We know people don’t have bathrooms and they can put bags in cans and buckets and maintain good hygiene. That’s why we put plastic bags in the hygiene kits we’re handing out. That’s what we expect people will use them for.”

The San Diego County Public Health Officer strongly recommends the following groups be vaccinated with the hepatitis A vaccine:

- People who are homeless.
- Users of illegal drugs.
- Men who have sex with men.
- People with chronic liver disease, such as cirrhosis, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C.
- People who work with, provide services to or clean up after the homeless and/or illegal drug users.
- Food handlers who have adult clients. Food handlers are not at increased risk, but if infected can impact a large number of people.
- People with clotting factor disorders.
- People who conduct laboratory research with the virus.
- Travelers to countries where hepatitis A is common.
- People in close personal contact with adopted children from countries where hepatitis A is common.

Wooten said the county has employed a three-pronged approach to addressing the hepatitis outbreak: vaccination, sanitation, and education.

“As of today, we’ve vaccinated almost 4,400 individuals since we identified the outbreak in March,” she said.

“We’ve also been installing hand-sanitizing stations throughout the city and county, as well as cleaning and bleaching the sidewalks, using the same vendor as the city of Los Angeles, which has more homeless than San Diego, but has not had a hepatitis outbreak. We also have introduced a public education campaign with posters on trolleys.”

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Two communities in San Diego have decided to come together around a cause inspired by fallen community activist and former Mission Bay High School principal, Maruta Gardner. On Nov. 3, participating organizations are holding a “Day of Service” to inspire future leaders, and the community to make a positive impact.

Along with the Day of Service, a beautiful mural in memory of Gardner, and in the spirit of inspiring community service, designed by Israel (Ezra) Cervantes, will be dedicated at Mission Bay High School on Nov. 3. It is also being painted with the help of the Mission Bay High Mural Club.

“Friday, we are hosting a number of events as part of our Day of Service, and anyone from the community, from military members to high school students are invited and encouraged to participate in one of the day’s service projects, which start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. around Mission Beach and Pacific Beach,” said Dawn Reilly, project administrator for BeautifulMB.

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VFW Post 5985 serves veterans in Pacific Beach, 80 years and counting

By DAVE SCHMAB

Every day is Veterans Day at VFW Post 5985 in Pacific Beach.

“This VFW Post doesn’t do a lot here to commemorate Veterans Day,” said Frank Gless, quartermaster and CFO for Post 5985, which serves some 300 to 400 members between the VFW and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 552, which both use the facility.

But Gless pointed out members transferring from other posts because they like the camaraderie here.”

Post 5985 has an on-the-spot veteran service officer who is eager to assist veterans with V.A. claims and/or issues. The post also has a rentable hall for private events, and multiple big screens to watch sports events. There is a pool table available for patrons, and, during hot days, the air conditioning is always on and guests are welcome to come in and chill.

“We have a canteen,” said Gless. “We rent our meeting room out for parties for $150, which takes care of security.”

Gless said PB VFW Post 5985 has a licensed kitchen with low-cost meals served to the local community. “We have a $4 meal on Tuesday nights featuring items like lasagna or chili, as well as serving big breakfasts, a $7 meal every other Sunday, offering bacon, corned beef, biscuits and gravy, pancakes and fruit salad with all the trimmings, that usually draws 40 or 50 people.”

The Post’s vision is to “ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.”

Core values of the VFW Post:
- Always put the interests of our members first;
- Treat donors as partners in our cause;
- Promote patriotism;
- Honor military service;
- Ensure the care of veterans and their families;
- Serve our communities;
- Promote a positive image of the VFW; and
- Respect the diversity of veteran opinions.

Gless pointed out the PB VFW Post annually sponsors Boy Scouts, as well as offering fellowships to local seventh- and eighth-grade students who qualify by writing essays on patriotism.

“Every year, around December or January, [Post 5985] picks our national scholars, our top seventh and eighth graders, who go on to compete for $2,000 to $3,000 in prizes, doing a speech rather than an essay, also on patriotism. Our future is the children of this world.”

But Gless noted the Post’s main function is “to be of service to our post.”

On Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 this year, many VFW Post 5985 veterans will be attending the annual Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial ceremony in La Jolla starting at 2 p.m. The event will feature keynote speaker Ronnie J. Dunbar, NASA astronaut, professor of aerospace engineering at Texas A&M, and former president/CEO of the Museum of Flight.

The Mt. Soledad Memorial Day ceremony includes music by Marine Band San Diego from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Marine Vet Rocio Sanchez, and honors will be presented by the MCRC Color Guard and Rifle Team.

As in years past, an emotionally moving “Fly By” will be conducted by Air Force Group One of the Commorative Air Force, and the San Diego Performance Team Aircraft, which will cross over the memorial following the keynote address, executing the traditional Missed Man Formation.

Veterans Day attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Old Town Trolley will provide complimentary shuttle service to and from the memorial from nearby Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church (655 Soslado Mountain Road) and The French American School (6550 Soslado Mountain Road) parking lots.

Women pleads guilty to manslaughter in PB death

By NEAL PUTNAM

A woman pleaded guilty on Oct. 27 to voluntary manslaughter in the beating death of an acquaintance in a Pacific Beach motel.

A murder charge was dismissed against Samantha Grace Passmore, 24, after she pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the April 21 death of Joaquin Tuttle, 40.

Meanwhile, the murder trial of co-defendant Cameron Matthew Parker, 29, was confirmed Oct. 27 for Jan. 16, 2018. Parker is alleged to have fought with Tuttle and causing his injuries.

Deputy District Attorney Melissa Vasel said Passmore is expected to receive seven years in prison when she is sentenced by San Diego Superior Court Judge Michael Groch.

Vasel said Passmore agreed to serve the seven-year term when she plead- ed guilty. Sentencing will be Jan. 11.

A security camera at the San Diego Motel at 4780 Mission Bay Drive caught a glimpse of Passmore looking into Tuttle’s motel room for four seconds before turning away, according to testimony.

It was believed at that moment Parker was fighting and stabbing Tuttle on April 14. He was hospitalized at Scripps La Jolla, but died there on April 21 from blunt force trauma injuries.

A pathologist testified earlier that Tuttle had four rib fractures, stab wounds, a history of renal disease, and had used methamphetamine in the past. He said the cause of death was homicide because of the blunt force trauma injuries.

A police officer testified Tuttle told him in the hospital that it was possible his attacker, whom he did not know, was the jealous boyfriend of a woman he knew.

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What: Located at 853 Turquoise St.

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The PB VFW Post 5985 on Turquoise Street has a licensed kitchen and serves low-cost meals to the local community.

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Mission Bay Cluster

Do you have friends or family living outside of the Mission Bay Cluster that would like to attend one of Pacific Beach’s exceptional schools during the 2018-2019 school year? With four elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school, the Mission Bay Cluster offers a variety of concentrations and curricula. Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy is a Mandarin Chinese immersion program giving students from kindergarten through fifth grade instruction in core academics in both English and Mandarin Chinese. Crowne Point Junior Music Academy focuses on strong academics through music education, while Kate Sessions Elementary is an International Baccalaureate World School with an inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning. Pacific Beach Elementary is located in north Pacific Beach and offers differentiated instruction for all learners, including GATE and GATE/Seminar. Pacific Beach Middle and Mission Bay High schools are both International Baccalaureate World Schools offering a wide variety of courses, academic rigor, and athletic opportunities.

The San Diego Unified School Choice Program provides students with the opportunity to attend PB schools even if they aren’t their neighborhood school. Enrollment through the School Choice Program closes Nov. 13. Apply online at sandiegounified.org.

Mission Bay High

Have you heard about the excellent academic and sports programs at MBHS? Hear all about it at the next campus tour at 8 a.m. Thurs., Nov. 9.

Pacific Beach Middle

School tours are in full swing. Invite your neighbors and friends to the monthly tour so that families can learn about the school’s programs. The next one is from 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Barnard Elementary

Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School’s annual Literacy Night, held on Oct. 20, was a scary success. A crowd of nearly 200 students, siblings, parents, and volunteers attended this award-winning, annual event, which aimed to show children how reading and writing can be fun. Just in time for Halloween, this year’s theme, “Night of the Ghost Writers,” brought out each student’s best writing in creative and spooky ways. There was something for everyone from kindergarten through fifth grade.

“There is no reason that students shouldn’t enjoy reading, writing, and literacy,” Barnard parent and event coordinator Amy Cheng said. “These kids had such a great time at this party that they didn’t realize they were learning the entire time.” Last year, the San Diego PTSA Council honored Barnard’s Literacy Night with the Ruth Johnson Award, which recognizes innovative programs.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 4288 at Barnard is collecting recycling to help fund their year-end bridging trip. They are collecting plastic bottles with CRV and aluminum cans.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 4288 at Barnard set up The Little Free Library. The philosophy behind the library is that everyone should have access to books all the time. The policy is take a book and enjoy. The librarians are the Junior Troop 4288. They repair the books and stamp them. The girls also make sure they have a variety of books for all ages of students.

Mission Bay Cluster principal Kimberly Meng and Mission Bay High School principal Ernie Remillard stand with four Mission Bay Cluster students, who presented before the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education at their meeting on Oct. 24. Read more about it in the Mission Bay Cluster section (at left).

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Two men on trial for allegedly robbery five tourists in Pacific Beach and La Jolla

By NEAL PUTNAM

Two men were ordered Oct. 19 to stand trial for allegedly robbing five tourists vacationing from Arizona in Pacific Beach.

Additionally, Ephraim Jacob Byers, 21, is accused of holding up a woman on a La Jolla street on May 12. Byers was also held to answer for grand theft in the loss of an employee’s iPhone in Pacific Beach.

Both Byers and Kyle James Holland, 20, were identified by most of the witnesses in a preliminary hearing conducted by San Diego Superior Court Judge Charles Rogers.

Three women who were vacationing together from Arizona and a couple also from Arizona were held up in two incidents in Pacific Beach in which their cell phones and other items were taken.

Rogers ordered the men to stand trial for allegedly robbing five tourists in Pacific Beach and La Jolla.

Lisa Garris testified she and her husband were robbed at 2 a.m. July 24 after they left a Pacific Beach bar while they were vacationing here from Arizona.

“Two guys jumped out of the darkness with a knife,” said Garris.

“Give us all your (expletive), your purse,” Garris quoted one robber as saying.

Detective StephanieAudette testified she interviewed Holland after his July 24 arrest and he told her he “was acting as a lookout.” She said Holland admitted Byers gave him some money for helping him in the hold-ups.

The police detective also testified Holland kept one of the cellphones taken while the victim was not in personal possession of it at the time.

Holland’s attorney argued her client was in the background in most of the incidents and was 30 feet away from the three women who were held up by Byers.

Deputy District Attorney Lucille Yturralde argued both men “acted together” in the robberies.

Rogers ordered both men to next appear in court on Nov. 6 when a trial date will be set. They have both pleaded not guilty.

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San Diego County YMCA fined for chlorine spill

By NEAL PUTNAM

The YMCA of San Diego County was fined $17,000 Oct. 20 and ordered to abide by numerous probation conditions for a chlorine spill that sickened 79 elementary students and eight adults in 2015.

The YMCA, as a non-profit corporation, pleaded guilty to four felony counts and one misdemeanor that involved a hazardous waste spill that occurred two years ago in Santee that also went into a storm drain.

The board of directors for the county-wide YMCA hired former District Attorney Paul Pfingst who represented them on Oct. 20. Approximately seven directors and employees were in the audience when San Diego Superior Court Judge Polly Shamoon placed the YMCA on two years probation.

The terms of probation affect all YMCA facilities in the county. The judge ordered all YMCA facilities to allow unannounced inspections by the County Department of Environmental Health and to improve its procedures for handling hazardous materials.

Pfingst filed documents noting the YMCA has since paid $705,053 in facility improvements such as new chemical pumps, chemical monitoring systems, berms surrounding chemical storage areas, and remodeling pump room doors.

“The YMCA is changing its entire culture and organization to try to respond to provide better aquatic safety inside the pool,” said Pfingst to the judge.

“These people,” said Pfingst, gesturing to the audience, “have worked tirelessly to put these changes in effect.”

Also sentenced to three years probation was Lee Joseph Ladley, 64, the YMCA facilities director who now is the YMCA director for one facility in Spring Valley.

Ladley was fined $6150, and given credit for one day in jail for a previous booking when he and the YMCA were first charged on Oct. 19, 2016 by the District Attorney’s office.

[Image of local restaurants and businesses]
French culture at indoor cycling and yoga studio in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB

If you like your workouts served up with a French twist, then Oxygen Studio in Pacific Beach is for you.

The yoga/indoor cycling studio at 1896 Garnet Ave. in Pacific Plaza II is co-owned and operated by Bam Coulibaly, who recently arrived from Paris.

Coulibaly cut her teeth as a physical training instructor at gyms in Paris for 14 years before exporting her talents to San Diego to reboot her career here. Bam’s business partner is Karim, a former high-level Karate competitor on the French national team, whose business philosophies are in line with martial arts values.

Asked about her workout studio, which has been open since July 4, Coulibaly said, “This is a place where you can be free, no troubles. Just come here and take a cycling class for 45 minutes, or a 60-minute yoga class. Oxygen is about an experience, a journey.”

Instruction at Oxygen is more than just a physical workout. “You not only want to workout and sweat, but you can learn about yourself,” Coulibaly said. “Just think about who you are, who you want to be, who you are going to be.”

Coulibaly added an Oxygen workout has positive consequences. “You can find a balance with your energy, where everybody feels welcome. Taking care of yourself should be a priority. Oxygen Studio missions “is to create a community where you can be calm.”

Will Oxygen Studio be a prototype for workout studios to come? “Maybe,” said Coulibaly. “I cannot say.”

Oxygen’s website states that the studio for 45 minutes, or a 60-minute yoga class. Oxygen is about an experience, a journey.”

Instructors at Oxygen Studio, including co-owner Bam Coulibaly (third from right). PHOTO BY JARROD JOACHIM

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Lord of the Wings contest to benefit Discover PB Clean and Safe Program

Who will earn the title of Lord of the Wings? Visit the Karl Strauss tasting room, at 5985 Santa Fe St., from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, and join “celebrity” judges in naming the best wings from area restaurants that will be competing for the Lord of the Wings crown.

This event is a fundraiser for the Discover Pacific Beach Clean and Safe Program. All proceeds benefit the program, which hires homeless individuals to clean and maintain the streets and sidewalks in the business district of Pacific Beach, provides outreach to other homeless individuals, and hires safety ambassadors to patrol the business district to address aggressive and criminal behavior.

The $30 ticket includes chicken wing samples from all participating restaurants (PB Shore Club, Tavern, Tap Room, Dude’s Grill To Go, PB Alehouse, and more) and two Karl Strauss craft beers. Tickets will be $40 at the door. Additional beers will be available for purchase.

For more information, email sara.pacificbeach@gmail.com.

The Clean and Safe Program is in its pilot year and Discover Pacific Beach is attempting to raise funds to continue helping the community and business district. The program uses a three-prong approach that includes cleaning, security, and homeless outreach.

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Java Joe’s showcase to feature acoustic sets

By BART MENDOZA

On Nov. 10, Java Joe’s will host a special music showcase featuring acoustic sets from a cross section of San Diego-based artists who don’t often play in this format. On hand will be Dusty Recor and Indian Joe. The Universe Channel with Ted Stern. Steve Roche, singer-songwriter Jeff Ousley, frontman for indie rockers League of Liars, Michael Fairchild, and blues duo John January and Linda Berry.

All of the evening’s performers are well worth hearing, but the nod goes to the latter. January and Berry’s take on the blues, as heard on their latest album, “Chemistry 101,” is charming, with great interplay between the duo and January’s excellent guitar work part of their appeal.

John January and Linda Berry: Friday, Nov. 10 at Java Joe’s, 2611 Congress St., 8 p.m. All ages. www.javajoeossd.com.

Anyone looking for a relaxing spot for drinks or dinner, will want to check out The Turquoise on Fridays at 6 p.m. for a performance from guitarist Mario Marauak. Specializing in Brazilian sounds with a touch of reggae, Marauak plays solo, using looping pedals and technology to give his vocals and fretwork extra presence. It’s a great way to kick off the weekend. Located right on Turquoise Street, this venue is one of San Diego’s gems, an oasis for lovers of good food and music that’s just outside the mainstream, in particular jazz and world sounds.

Marauak: Fridays, at Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St., 6 p.m. 21 and up. www.theturquoise.com.

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The Bucs then went on to play Poway High in the Division II finals, seeking to repeat as the Division II champions.

Mission Bay lost 4-1, as the team of Zander Caufield/Andy Knight posted a 2-1 victory.

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Mission Bay ended up the 12th seed in Division II and was slated to play a very strong Steele Canyon squad in the first round CIF’s this week.

“After moving up from Division III this year it is quite an accomplishment for this very young squad,” Upp remarked.

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The Bucs got points from Rosina Valla and Amanda Edmunds (No. 1 doubles) in the team’s CIF match. Mission Bay qualified for Team CIF but had to play the top seed for the second straight year. The Bucs fell 16-2 to Vincent Memorial with a much-depleted team.

According to Tong, honorable mentions go to Edmunds, Ashley Sydenstricker, Jeanne Picard, Luz Zayetzi Bojorquez-Pinuelas, Valla, and Sophia Gillenberg for competing until the very last point in an uphill battle.

Mission Bay was to move on to League finals this week, and then hopefully Individual CIF next week.
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